

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An oily external composition for skin comprising:
a complex powder including lipophilic base powder and zinc oxide, where that
the surface of lipophilic base powder is covered with zinc oxide; and
an oil component;
wherein said complex powder is dispersed in said oil component, and
wherein the zeta-potential of said lipophilic base powder is a negative value at
pH on skin 7.5, and
wherein the covering rate of zinc oxide is in the range of 1 to 90% relative to
the total surface area of said lipophilic base powder dispersed in said oil component.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1, wherein said lipophilic base powder is swelled in ~~the condition of dispersing in~~
said oil component.
4. (Previously Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 wherein the zeta-potential of said lipophilic base powder is -10mV or less at pH on skin.
5. (Previously Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 wherein said lipophilic base powder is an organic powder.

6. (Original) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 5, wherein said lipophilic base powder is one or more selected from the group of silicone resin, silicone rubber, silicone resin-covering-silicone rubber, polyamide, polymethyl methacrylate and ethyl carbamate.

7. (Previously Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 wherein the oil component comprises silicone oil.

8. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 wherein the content of said complex powder is in the range of 1 to 50 % by weight.

9. (Previously Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 wherein said composition is an emulsion.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of use of the external composition according to claim 1, the method comprising:
applying the composition of claim 1 to-as-a rough skin to thereby promote
recovering of said rough skin composition.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of use of the external composition according to claim 1, the method comprising:
applying the composition of claim 1 to -as-a sensitive skin to thereby relieve
an abnormal feeling associated with said sensitive skin, caring composition.

12. (Currently Amended) A complex powder comprising a lipophilic base powder
and zinc oxide, wherein that the surface of said lipophilic base powder is covered
with zinc oxide, wherein the zeta-potential of said lipophilic base powder is a
negative value at pH 7.5 on skin, and the covering rate of zinc oxide is in the range of

1 to 90% relative to the total surface area of said lipophilic base powder when said lipophilic base powder is dispersed in oil.